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Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft organization of work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-sixth session, which is contained in the annex, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time-frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission.

2. The draft is based on the provisional agenda adopted at the thirty-fifth session and approved by the council in its decision 1997/230.

3. Within the eight working days allotted to the thirty-sixth session, time is reserved for: a special presentation on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development; two panel discussions on the priority theme for the session: "Promoting social integration of all people, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons"; a presentation on the social dimensions of drug abuse; and two non-governmental organizations segments.

4. The timetable contained in the annex should be considered tentative and indicative; if the Commission completes its consideration on an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

5. The Commission is scheduled to meet from Tuesday, 10 February to Friday, 20 February 1998, Monday, 16 February being an official holiday. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session; morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Annex

Draft organization of work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-sixth session

Tuesday, 10 February

a.m.	*Item 1*	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters Documentation: E/CN.5/1998/1 and E/CN.5/1998/L.1
	Item 3	Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (introduction) Documentation: Report of the expert workshop on participation and social justice (E/CN.5/1998/2); report of the expert workshop on ways and means to enhance social protection and reduce vulnerability (E/CN.5/1998/3); report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development: promoting social integration and participation (E/CN.5/1998/4); report of the Secretary-General on different options for the future review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing (E/CN.5/1998/5).
		Special presentation on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development
p.m.	*Item 3 (a)*	Priority theme: "Promoting social integration and participation of all people, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons" (General discussion)
		Panel discussion I: "Participation and social justice"

Wednesday, 11 February

a.m. and *p.m.*	*Item 3 (a) (i)*	"Promoting social integration through responsive government, full participation in society, non-discrimination, tolerance, equality and social justice" (General discussion)
5 p.m.		*Closure of the list of speakers for item 3 (a) (i)*

Thursday, 12 February

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	*Item 3 (a) (i)*	Continuation of general discussion
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	*Item 3 (a) (i)*	Non-governmental organizations segment
p.m.	*Item 3 (a) (i)*	Continuation of general discussion
		Informal consultations

5 p.m.		*Closure of list of speakers on item 3 (b)*
Friday, 13 February		
a.m.	*Item 3 (b)*	Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups
		Report on activities of the ad hoc Support Group on Ageing
		General discussion on item 3 (b)
		Informal consultations on item 3 (a) (i)
p.m.	*Item 3 (b)*	Continuation of general discussion
		Informal consultations on item 3 (a) (i)
6 p.m.		*Deadline for submitting draft proposals on item 3 (a) (i)*
Monday, 16 February		Official holiday — no meeting
Tuesday, 17 February		
a.m.	*Item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)*	"Enhancing social protection, reducing vulnerability and enhancing employment opportunities for groups with specific needs" and "Violence, crime and the problem of illicit drugs and substance abuse as factors of social disintegration" (General discussion)
		Panel discussion II: "Enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability"
p.m.	*Item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)*	General discussion
5 p.m.		*Closure of list of speakers on item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)*
Wednesday, 18 February		
a.m.	*Item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)*	Presentation on the social dimensions of drug abuse
		Continuation of general discussion on item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)
1 p.m.		*Deadline for submitting draft proposals on item 3 (b)*
3 p.m. to *4 p.m.*	*Item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)*	Non-governmental organizations segment
4 p.m. to *6 p.m.*		Conclusion of general discussion on item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)
6 p.m.		*Deadline for submitting draft proposals on item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)*

Thursday, 19 February

a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals
		Informal consultations on item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)
p.m.		Final introduction of draft proposals
		Informal consultations on item 3 (a) (ii) and (iii)

Friday, 20 February

a.m.	*Item 4*	Provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission Documentation: E/CN.5/1998/L.
		Action on draft proposals
p.m.		Action on draft proposals
	Item 5	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session
		Closure of the session